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HAPPY READING!

Impossibility's
Staff Appreciation Week...
You're actually going to eat it? Anna's lunch?
Wow...
Yeah... She gave me puppy eyes and pouted and everything...
it can't be that bad...
...all I have to do is chew and swallow..
it even looks kinda okay
?
Wow.. I'm still alive
chew chew
yay! she lives!

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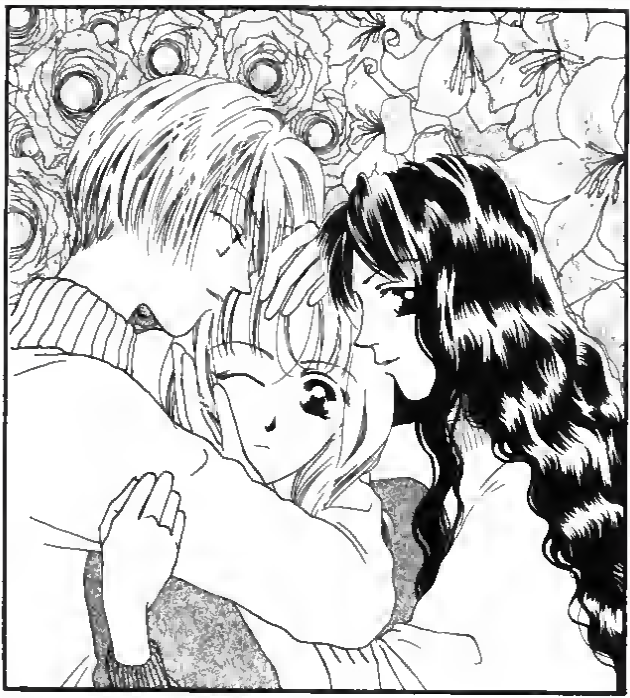

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NATURAL BEAUTY

HEY MISEI, WHATEVER HAPPENED TO WHAT'S-HIS-NAME WHO PROFESSED HIS LOVE FOR YOU?
IT'S GOJOU FROM CLASS B! YOU SHOULD AT LEAST REMEMBER HIS NAME!
ANYWAY, I IGNORED HIM AND I THINK HE'S GIVEN UP. I'M NOT INTERESTED IN GUYS THAT RUN SLOWER THAN ME.
BUT DON'T YOU THINK THAT IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBILE TO FIND GUYS THAT CAN OUTRUN YOU?
HOW ABOUT YOU RIRIKO? WHAT ABOUT THE LOVE LETTER YOU RECIEVED IN YOUR LOCKER?
AH, I THINK I REMEMBER THAT
She does not remember anything that does not benefit her
HOW CAN YOU TRUST A GUY WHO OPENS OTHER PEOPLE'S LOCKER AT WHIM?
YOU'RE RIGHT...
WE REALLY HAVE NO LUCK WITH BOYS,
INCLUDING THAT PARTICULAR INCIDENT
-FLASHBACK-
.....

STARS
THE SECOND FASTEST SPRINTER IN HER FACULTY
-MISEI
MOON
A GENIUS WHO IS ALWAYS RANKED AMONG THE TOP THREE ACADEMICALLY
-RIRIKO-
SNOW
FLOWERS
BE IT STANDARD, GRADES OR PRIDE, THEY MEET VERY HIGH IN EXPECTATION. BUT THEIR EXPECTATIONS OF GUYS SURPASS THESE EXPECTATIONS GREATLY.
WE ARE IDOLS...
But why do such seemingly perfect girls
IT'S TOO BORING SINCE THE TWO OF US CAN READ EACH OTHER'S THOUGHTS SO WELL
Hmmm? Where's Furami? Tommy upset?
-THERE IS A DIFFERENCE
AH!
THUNK
Hmm?
IT'S TAKAO
WELL....
HEY,
WHY HASN'T FUTAMI SPOKEN A WORD UNTIL NOW?
PAT PAT
WHY WOULD PEOPLE LIKE YOU, WANT TO HANG OUT WITH PEOPLE LIKE ME?
I was thinking about that

THE ONLY GUY IN SCHOOL WHO CAN BREAK THROUGH THE CLOUDS AND REACH FOR THE STARS...
HE IS TAKAO
I WONDER HOW HE FINDS TIME TO STUDY...
MY BROTHER IS ALSO ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM... BUT IT ISN'T WORTH MENTIONING
AND THIS GUY... IS,... THIS GUY
Woah Takao!
Woah Takao!
WITHOUT HIM THERE WOULD BE NO BASKETBALL TEAM
WHAT A GREAT GUY HE IS
...IN YESTERDAY'S BASKETBALL MATCH, TAKAO WAS THE ONE WHO TURNED NEAR DEFEAT INTO VICTORY

Rinko's opinion
DURING THE SCHOOL'S OPENING CEREMONY,
I THOUGHT I'D BE CHOSEN TO GIVE THE THANK-YOU SPEECH, BUT IT WAS NOT SO.
I WAS VERY DISTURBED, BUT WHEN I SAW THAT TAKAO WAS CHOSEN,
HIS PERFORMANCE WAS SIMPLY FANTASTIC!
AT THAT TIME I REALLY HAD TO ADMIT DEFEAT
Even up to now, I haven't been able to surpass him academically
Misa's opinion:
DURING THE SCHOOL'S SPORT MEET,
DIDN'T WE HAVE A MIXED RELAY EVENT?
I WAS THE FIRST RUNNER AND HE WAS JUST BESIDE ME
HE RAN REALLY WELL!
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD EVER LOST TO A GUY AT RUNNING
Till now, I haven't been able to break his track record

Message to my reader:

For the longest time, Asou has been living alone as a manga-ka and very few of her works have surfaced. She is a creator who not only draws infrequently but draws slowly as well. Plus there is an unlucky situation in comic drawing, which is that more work will tend to find you the busier you are. Such as examinations, part time jobs, graduation thesis and graduation holidays, speaking of which, my own wedding ceremony was held with an impending deadline for my work. This is all due to the fact that my simple brain can only generate ideas during free time. Since it is impossible to have long periods of free time, I have to rush out work although I am very busy and it is tormenting. But I like the feeling of having a lot of work to do, the stress and pain of it all. This is because I thrive on pressure. I work better the more I am pushed. "Natural Beauty" was also created under these circumstances. It is my honor to have you read my work.

THANK YOU

Asou.

EXACTLY

...ALL THAT TALK ABOUT HEAVEN BEING FAIR, IT'S A LIE

-THERE IS STILL A DIFFERENCE

TAKUYA

FROM THEN ON, HE BECAME THEIR GOD

Whaa...!

IT MIGHT BE A NATURAL CHARACTERISTIC FROM BIRTH FOR ALL WE KNOW

EVEN SO, PEOPLE HAVE THE TENDENCY TO BE SUBMISSIVE AND RESPECTFUL TO OTHERS WHO ARE SUPERIOR. IT IS A FORM OF ANIMAL INSTINCT

HMM

HMPH

YOU'RE BACK?

BROTHER?

I'M HOME!

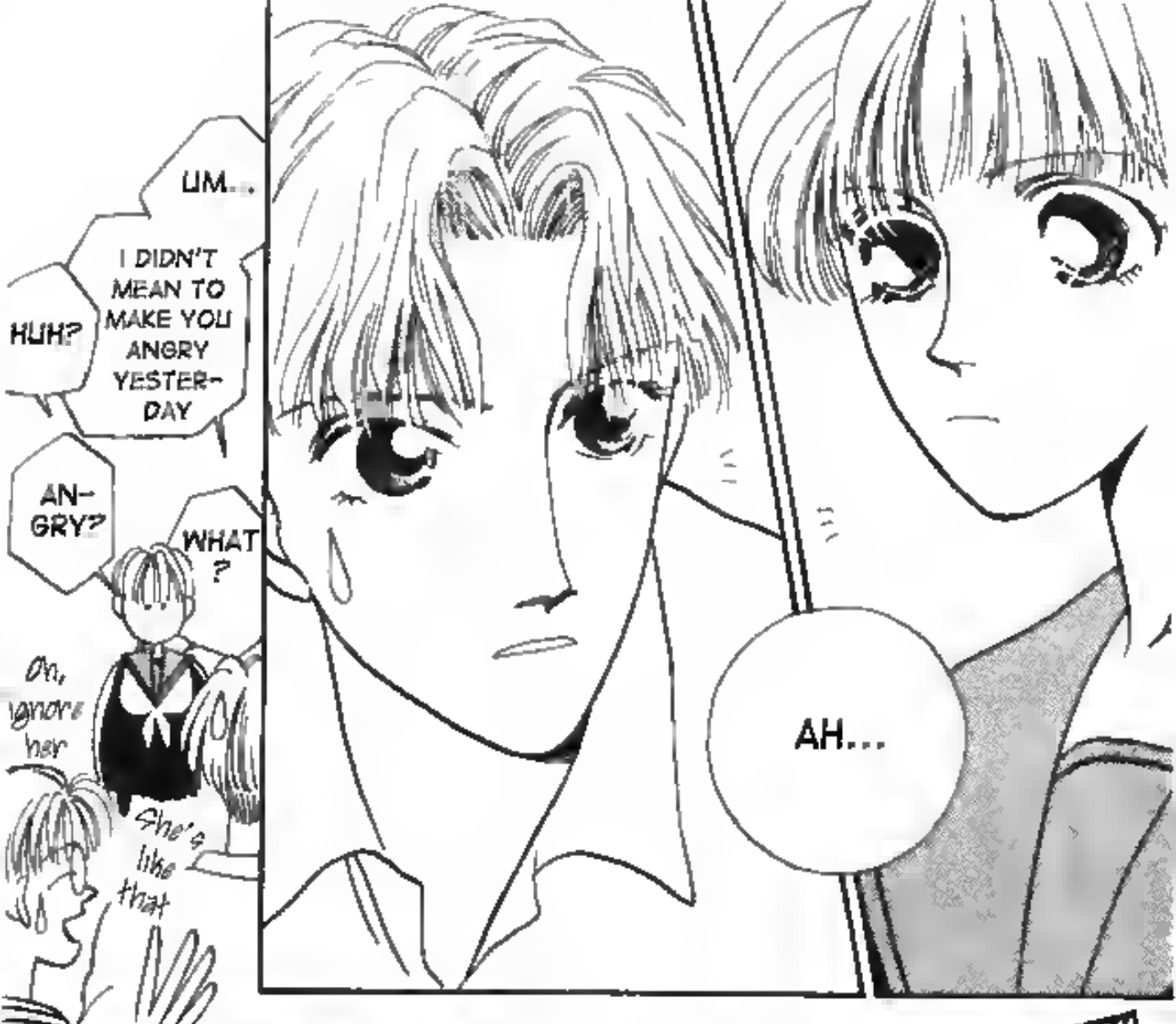
HUH?

OPEN

*Futami notices a foreign pair of sneakers at the doorstep

HEY FUTAMI, YOU'RE BACK!
Futami's brother is called Ichiro.
*Futami's original name has the character meaning "3" thus it follows that her brother's name has the character meaning "1", which is present in "Ichiro"
YOU'RE THAT PLAIN GIRL WHO HANGS OUT WITH THE TWO PRETTY FEMALE ACTIVISTS FROM CLASS C
NO WONDER I FOUND YOU FAMILIAR
SHOCK
WHY WOULD,
THE GOD-LIKE TAKAO BE IN MY HOUSE?
AH,
I HAVE THE SAME SURNAME AS MY BROTHER. PLEASE TO MEET YOU. PLEASE CARRY ON YOUR CONVERSATION.
Kamioka
HI, I'M JUST ONE OF THE COMMONERS FROM CLASS C
SHE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT, BUT SHE DOESN'T MEAN ANY HARM

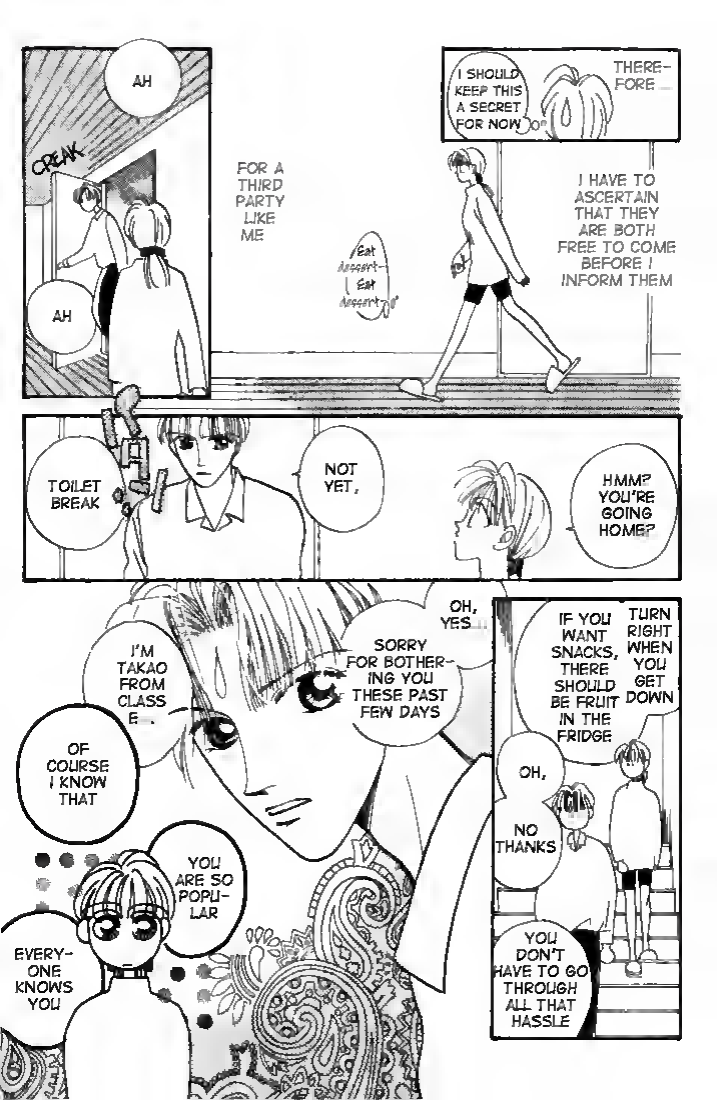
IN FUTAMI'S HOUSE?
TAKAO!
SO HE CAME OVER TO LOOK FOR MY BROTHER
THE SOCIETY DECIDED TO HAVE A DAY OFF DUE TO WINNING THE PREVIOUS DAY'S MATCH
WHY WAS HE IN FUTAMI'S HOUSE? WHAT ABOUT THE BASKETBALL SOCIETY?
WHO CARES!
NOT SO LOUD! ALL YOUR ADMIRERS WILL BE HEARTBROKEN
You have many admirers you know
I MEAN, IF
TODAY IS THE START OF THE EXAMINATION PERIOD
He's home to do revision
WHY IS HE REALLY HERE?
No basketball
I have to call them
HE ALWAYS PASSES BY OUR PLACE ON HIS WAY HOME
OKAY, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T THINK HE'LL BE COMING OVER AGAIN,
ha ha!
BUT IF HE DOES, I WILL INFORM BOTH OF YOU
why
BUT WHY LOOK FOR YOUR BROTHER OF ALL PEOPLE?
I'VE SAID IT EARLIER, MY BROTHER IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BASKETBALL SOCIETY
You weren't listening
WHAT! HOW COME YOU DIDN'T INFORM US?



IF ONLY RIRIKO TURNS UP AND GETS ALONG REALLY WELL WITH TAKAO, MISEI MIGHT BE VERY JEALOUS...

THE TWO HIGHLY COMPETITIVE GIRLS ARE ABLE TO GET ALONG SO WELL BECAUSE THEY EXCEL IN DIFFERENT AREAS, BUT IF ONE OF THEM GAINS THE UPPER HAND WITH REGARDS TO TAKAO...

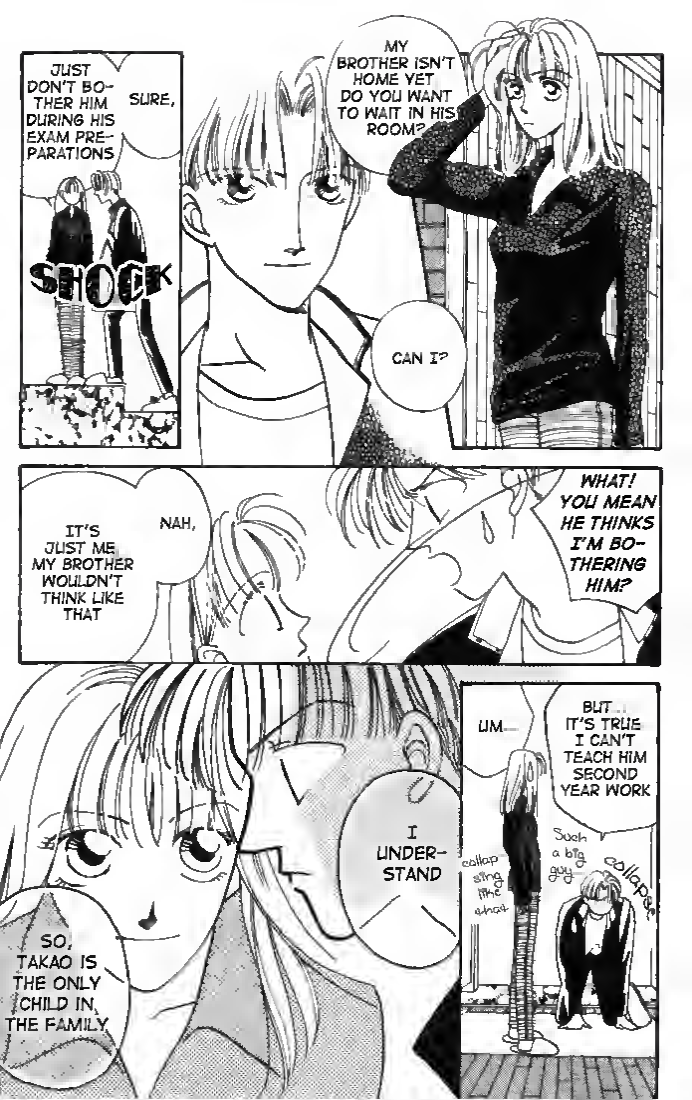
I WON'T DARE TO IMAGINE THE OUT-COME!


AH
CREAK
AH
FOR A THIRD PARTY LIKE ME
Eat Dessert
Eat Dessert
I SHOULD KEEP THIS A SECRET FOR NOW
THEREFORE...
I HAVE TO ASCERTAIN THAT THEY ARE BOTH FREE TO COME BEFORE I INFORM THEM
TOILET BREAK
NOT YET,
HMM? YOU'RE GOING HOME?
OH, YES...
SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU THESE PAST FEW DAYS
I'M TAKAO FROM CLASS E...
OF COURSE I KNOW THAT
YOU ARE SO POPULAR
EVERYONE KNOWS YOU
IF YOU WANT SNACKS, THERE SHOULD BE FRUIT IN THE FRIDGE
TURN RIGHT WHEN YOU GET DOWN
OH, NO THANKS
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL THAT HASSLE

!
THEN PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME
REALLY?
I DIDN'T EXPECT SOMEONE AS POPULAR AS YOU TO COME OVER TO STUDY
MY BROTHER CAN ONLY MANAGE BIOLOGY, SO PLEASE HELP HIM
YES?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THE TOILET IS?
I'LL BRING SOME DESSERTS TO YOUR ROOM LATER
UM..
KAME-OKA...
OH NO,
I WAS THE ONE TO ASK FOR HIS HELP
YOU SEEM A LITTLE WEIRD
--WEIRD?
..NAH
IT'S JUST THAT

OH, YOU TOO?
HE SAID THAT ABOUT ME TOO WHEN WE FIRST MET
BROTHER,
THAT TAKAO SAID THAT I'M A LITTLE WEIRD
ACTUALLY, HE'S THE WEIRD ONE
PLUS, IT'S EASY FOR PEOPLE TO MISUNDERSTAND AND GET THE WRONG IMPRESSION ABOUT HIM
MISUNDERSTAND?
YOU MEAN UNDER THAT DECENT FACADE, HE IS ACTUALLY A RUDE AND UNCOUTH GUY?
HIS BRAIN, LOOKS, AND FITNESS ARE TOO PERFECT TO BE BELIEVABLE
Let mum join in!
Mumsh Mumsh
Hmm?
Huh?
Who?
You...
AH, TAKAO IS BEING HOUNDED... HOUNDED AGAIN
Not true, you got the chance to be close to a gal-nothing else
BUT HE DID ASK IF HE COULD COME AGAIN, SO I THINK HE DOESN'T DISLIKE YOU
I'LL HAVE TO CONTACT THEM NEXT TIME
HE'S COMING AGAIN?
WHAT?

WAIT A MINUTE, RIRIKO! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "THE TWO OF US"?!!
FUTAMI, ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE TWO OF US ARE NOT CUTE?!
FREEZE
SMILE
CAN'T THEY TELL THAT TAKAO DOESN'T LIKE GIRLS LIKE THAT?
THOSE GIRLS MUST BE SAYING IRRITATING STUFF LIKE "PLEASE HELP WITH MY REVISION"
ISN'T IT CUTE TO EXPRESS ONE'S DESIRES OPENLY?
Though he does look very tired.
PLOD
PLOD
WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE COMING AGAIN, YOU MEANT TODAY?
YEAH
EH?
IF I SAID "I THINK HE WAS SMILING AT ME"
I WOULD DEFINITELY BE STRANGLED TO DEATH
WHAT? WHO WAS HE SMILING AT?
DID HE HEAR US DISCUSSING HIM?
JUST KIDDING. HE PROBABLY THOUGHT WE WERE INTERESTING


JUST DON'T BOTHER HIM DURING HIS EXAM PREPARATIONS
SURE,
SHOCK
MY BROTHER ISN'T HOME YET DO YOU WANT TO WAIT IN HIS ROOM?
CAN I?
WHAT! YOU MEAN HE THINKS I'M BOTHERING HIM?
NAH,
IT'S JUST ME MY BROTHER WOULDN'T THINK LIKE THAT
UM...
BUT... IT'S TRUE I CAN'T TEACH HIM SECOND YEAR WORK
collapse
Such a big guy...
collapsing the ahead
I UNDERSTAND
SO, TAKAO IS THE ONLY CHILD IN THE FAMILY

Interesting
DOES IT REALLY MATTER? ANYWAY, MY BROTHER SEEMS QUITE HAPPY
IF HE REALLY FOUND YOU A BOTHER, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU SO
AH, GETTING ANGRY NOW
RIGHT, SO WHAT IF I AM?
Hmph
IT'S JUST THAT YOU LOOK SO AFFECTED
AH, YES
AND THE WAY YOU INTERACT WITH MY BROTHER
I AM
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU MUST BE A TEMPERAMENTAL LITTLE BOY
TOTALLY REVEALS THAT YOU'RE AN ONLY CHILD
YES
AREN'T THEY STUDENTS FROM OUR SCHOOL?
THEY DON'T KNOW WHO I AM?
OF COURSE THEY DO!
WAIT! WHY?
I'D BETTER LEAVE NOW
SPEAKING OF BOTHERING, SOME OF MY CLASSMATES MAY BE COMING OVER
THEY WON'T BOTHER YOU...
WHAT?
ARE THEY GIRLS?
YEAH
I CAN'T
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE GIRLS

GIRLS ARE JUST TOO ENTHUSIASTIC AND SCARY FOR MY LIKING
BASIC-ALLY...
Really just a rude and uncouth...
guy
THAT'S WHY I SAID THAT I FOUND YOU WEIRD
WAIT A MI-NUTE! ARE YOU SAYING I'M NOT A GIRL?
GAAN
Takao, we heard you don't like mayo
Oh, I see...
We made small muf-fins!!
Please try them!!
THEY FORM LARGE GROUPS AND APPROACH WITHOUT WARNING...
Oh!
Oh!
Takaaa
THERE IS NO SINCERITY IN THE WAY THEY TREAT OTHERS
Excuse me... Can you please help me out...
Eh?
Oh-yes!
I TRIED MY BEST TO HANDLE EVERY THING, BUT IT IS SO TIRING...
Tired limp shoulders
It's because you are too honest
BUT THIS IS PRE-CISELY WHY..

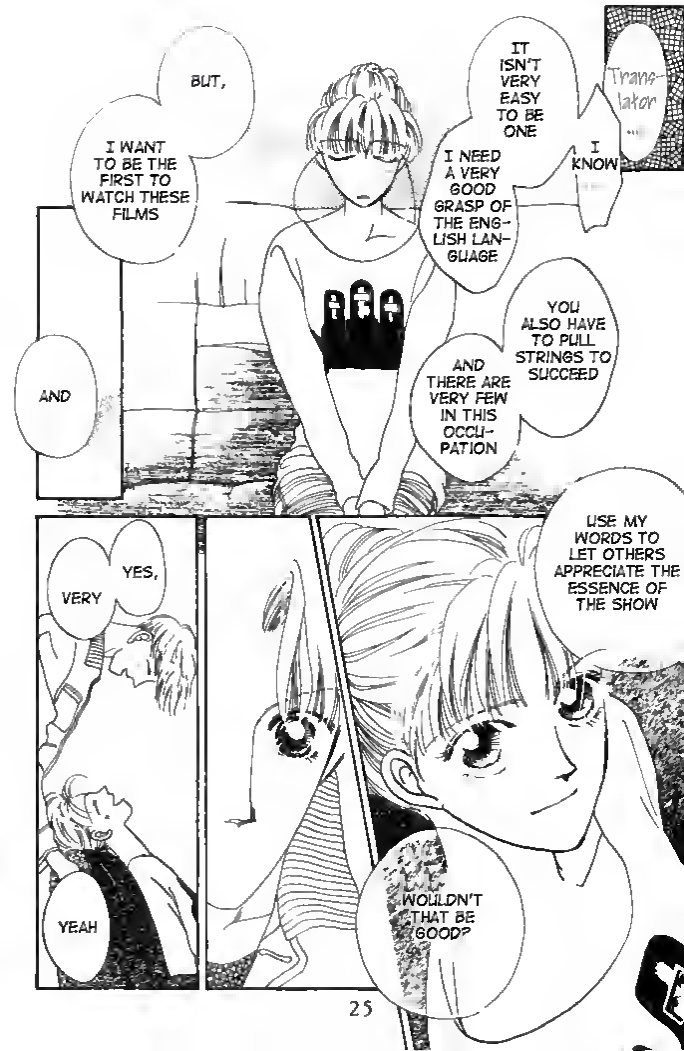
...EVERYONE LIKES YOU
EVERYONE IS JUST AWED BY THE WAY HE TREATS PEOPLE
.....
SO YOU SHOULD FEEL HAPPY
IT'S NATURAL TO BE EXCITED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ONE YOU LIKE. EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF BE-- ING WEAK AND NERVOUS
AND SO...
SO HE DOESN'T SEEM TO KNOW HOW TO INTERACT WITH A HUGE GROUP OF GIRLS
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED.
REALLY...
..MAY BE...
IT MUST BE A HUGE BURDEN

ANYWAY, HE SEEMS QUITE CLOSE TO FUTAMI'S BROTHER
WE'LL JUST TRY NOT TO BOTHER HIM TOO MUCH
Ah, even the orchids are drooping
This person loves it
EVEN THOUGH YOUR ACTIONS DESERVE APPLAUSE... I'M SORRY
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT HE MIGHT BE SHY, I NEVER EXPECTED IT TO BE BECAUSE HE RECIEVES SPECIAL TREATMENT
HE SEEMS PITIFUL IN A WAY...
ESPECIALLY SINCE HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY CLOSE FRIENDS
.. MAYBE
EVEN THOUGH HE SAID THAT
.....
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF HIM COMING OVER FOR DINNER RIGHT AFTER THE EXAMINATIONS
Yoo hoo!
AND ANYWAY AFTER THE EXAM PERIOD CLUB ACTIVITIES WILL BE RESUMED
Huh?
HE'S AFRAID OF BOTHERING MY BROTHER WITH HIS EXAM PREPARATIONS SO HE MIGHT NOT BE COMING OVER ANY MORE
HE SAYS I'M WEIRD, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER
Huh?
BUT HE SAYS HE CAN'T HANDLE GIRLS... THEN WHAT ABOUT YOU?

SHOULDN'T IT BE "DELICIOUS RICE" ONLY? MY BROTHER ALWAYS SAYS THAT
IT'S ICHIRO-SEMPAI WHO KEPT PRAISING THE DELICIOUS FOOD HIS FAMILY MAKES
IT'S JUST THAT HE KEPT COMPLAINING OF HUNGER RIGHT AFTER CLUB ACTIVITIES ENDED
REALLY?
THAT'S GOOD!
Mother is working overtime
Mmm Mmm!
I'M SO ENVIOUS THAT YOU GET TO EAT SUCH DELICIOUS FOOD EVERY-DAY
BUT THE FOOD IS REALLY DELICIOUS
AND THE SITUATION GETS MORE AND MORE COMPLICATED
on Sunday
SINCE THAT'S THE CASE, YOU CAN COME OVER FOR MEALS ANYTIME YOU WANT!
EH?
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT! ♡
YOU TOLD ME THEY ARE DOCTORS
What's Miss Stop
UNLIKE ME, BOTH OF MY PARENTS ARE BUSY WORKING SO I DON'T GET TO EAT PROPER MEALS
I SEE
OH!

HMM... ISN'T IT VERY THICK-SKINNED OF HIM TO COME TO OUR HOUSE FOR MEALS SO FREQUENTLY?
nibble nibble
STARCORE
Hello...
hey
OH NO, IT'S BECAUSE I'VE WATCHED THIS MANY TIMES BEFORE, SO I ALREADY KNOW THE STORY-LINE
I JUST WANT TO SEE HOW DIFFERENT IT WOULD FEEL WITHOUT THE SUBTITLES!
WOW! HOW INCREDIBLE! COVERING UP THE SUBTITLES WHILE WATCHING THE SHOW?
AH!
HEY! KAMEOKA! IT'S SUNDAY, WATCHING A VIDEO?
HUH!?
FANCY YOU COMING OVER ON A SUNDAY!
WE HAVE CLUB ACTIVITY THIS AFTERNOON, SO SEMPAI INVITED ME OVER

NOTHING.
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT EVEN KAMEOKA HAS FLUSTERED AND VULNERABLE MOMENTS
WHAT'S THE EXPRESSION FOR?
THAT'S BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, MY ENGLISH STANDARD CAN NEVER BE AS GOOD AS YOURS OR RIRIKO'S
THAT'S BECAUSE
I WANT TO BE A FILM TRANSLATOR
THEN IT ISN'T VERY.
OH, I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE SO AFFECTED BY THIS

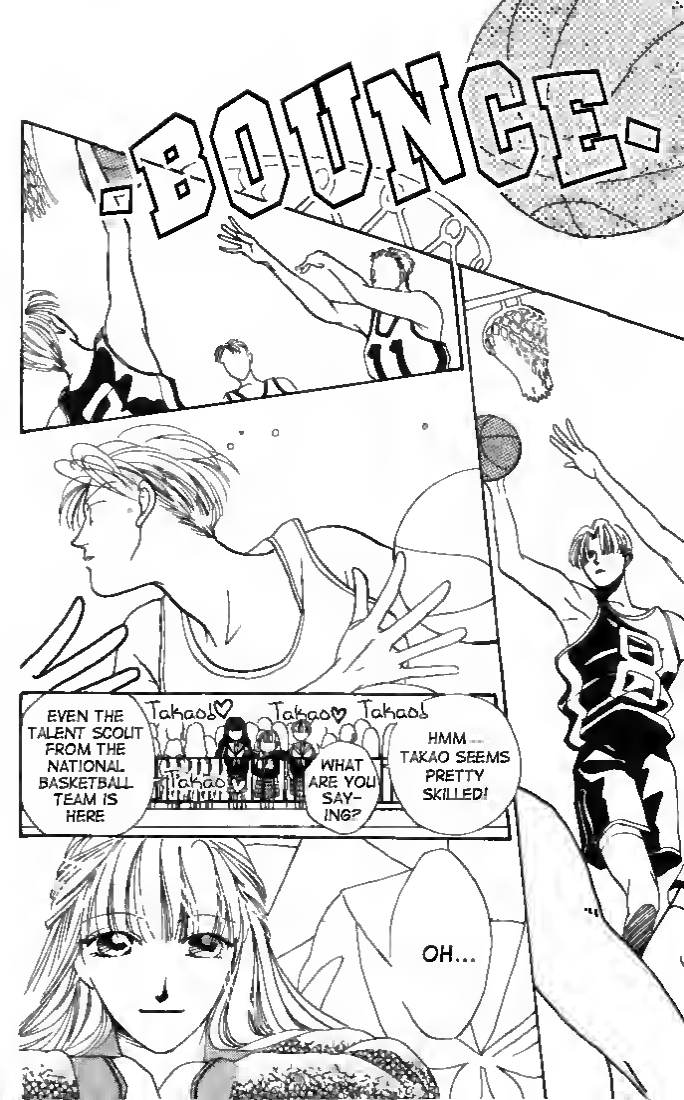

Trans-lator ...
I KNOW
IT ISN'T VERY EASY TO BE ONE
I NEED A VERY GOOD GRASP OF THE ENG-LISH LAN-GUAGE
BUT,
I WANT TO BE THE FIRST TO WATCH THESE FILMS
AND
YOU ALSO HAVE TO PULL STRINGS TO SUCCEED
AND THERE ARE VERY FEW IN THIS OCCU-PATION
USE MY WORDS TO LET OTHERS APPRECIATE THE ESSENCE OF THE SHOW
WOULDN'T THAT BE GOOD?
YES, VERY
YEAH

YOU WANT TO BE A DOCTOR ?
I'M NOT VERY SURE MYSELF
SO, I'M A LITTLE ENVIOUS OF YOU
IT'S BEEN INSTILLED IN ME SINCE I WAS YOUNG THAT I HAVE TO BE A DOCTOR AND INHERIT THE HOSPITAL
FOR ME...
HOW NICE,
TO HAVE NO PRESSURES
SHOCK
Oh
.....
SO, HOW?
THEN YOU HAVE TO GO FIND YOUR INTEREST
DON'T JUST ENVY ME

I HAVE MY PARENTS TO THANK FOR THIS
YUP!
INSTEAD OF DOING WHAT YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH
WHY NOT TRY TO FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS!
THAT WOULD BE MORE FULFILLING
Hmm? Are you Ok?
Tummy upset?
No, I'm Ok
Just that—
...I think you are fantastic
Fu...
The club president is going to be mad again
SET OVER

FUTAMI,
YOU'VE BEEN HIDING SOMETHING FROM US
RIGHT?
SHOCK!
FUTAMI, IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO CONFESS IF THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON...
I DON'T HAVE TO REPORT TO YOU EVERY TIME HE COMES OVER
ANYWAY, HE ONLY COMES FOR MEALS AND NOTHING ELSE
mumble mumble
YOU TWO ARE SCARING ME WITH YOUR STARING
WHAT HAVE I BEEN HIDING?
Breakdown of Supporter
Guys 79%
Girls 18%
Teachers 2%
Others 1%
THEY CAN EVEN DIG UP DIRT ABOUT THE PRINCIPAL!!!
ANYWAY, IF WE WERE TO MOBILIZE THE 100 GOSSIP MONGERS WHO IDOLIZE US...
Gobble Gobble
YOU DON'T SCARE ME I KNOW YOU WON'T RESORT TO THAT
You also value your pride too much
AH—HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHHAHA
WHY DO I FEEL SO FLUSTERED AND GUILTY?

OR LOOK LIKE THEY ARE ON THE VERGE OF AN ARGUMENT,
NO MATTER HOW HARD THEY STARE,
WHY AM I SO AFRAID OF THESE TWO GIRLS?
Their eyes seem to say- Want to go against us?
Not in 800 billion years
I wouldn't dare!
That's because I'm not making anything
Right, not doing
Fukami... I really don't know what to do with you
BY THE WAY,
I'VE NEVER FELT SO FRIGHTENED BEFORE
HMM... I REMEMBER TAKAO TELLING ME ABOUT IT
Fukami, you'll be there too, right?
OH REALLY? THEN I'LL BE GOING THEN
To take a look...
THERE'S GOING TO BE A PRACTICE BASKETBALL MATCH IN THE SPORTS HALL AFTER SCHOOL THIS SATURDAY
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
YOU HAVE TO COME
MISSING SUCH AN EXCITING MATCH WOULD BE YOUR LOSS


BOUNCE.
11
EVEN THE TALENT SCOUT FROM THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM IS HERE
Takao♡
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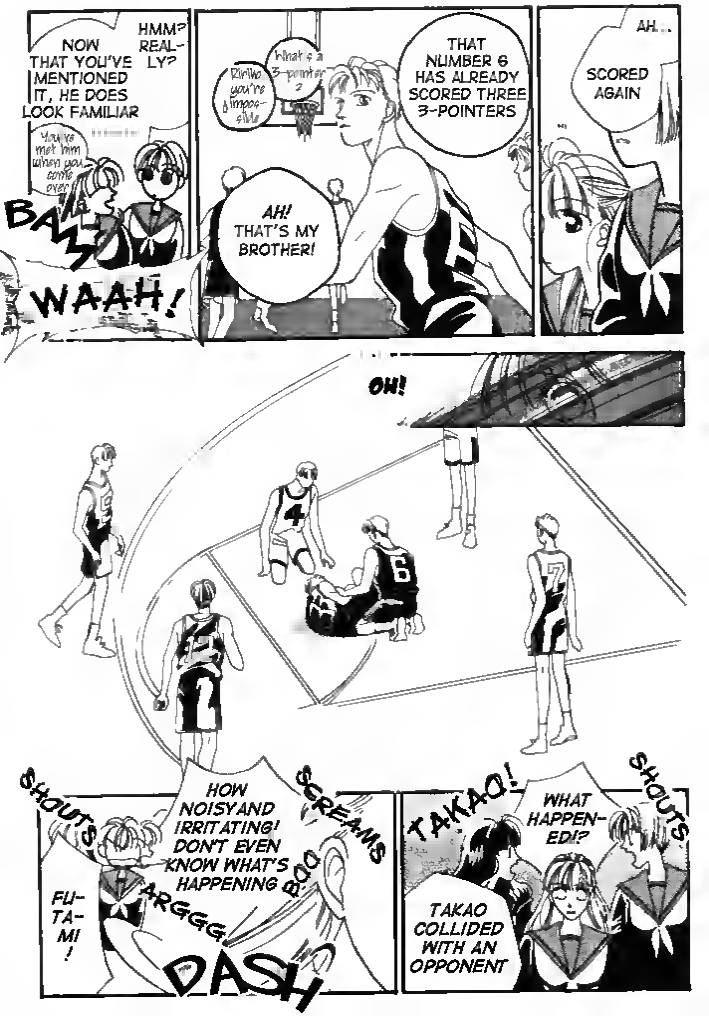
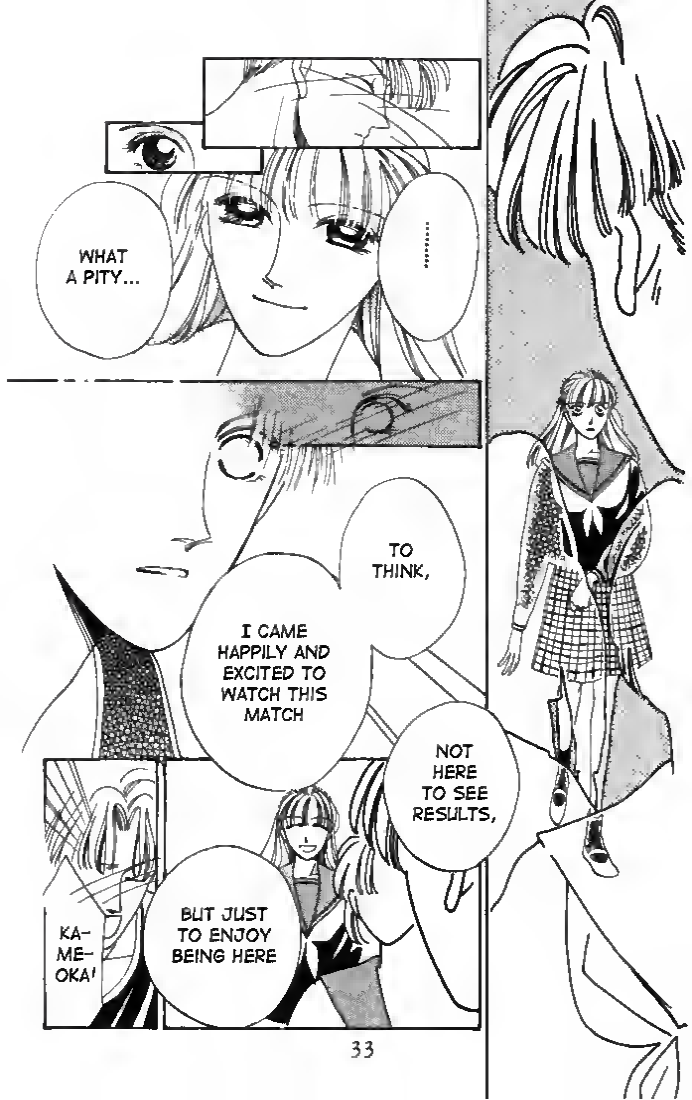
Takao♡
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?
HMM... TAKAO SEEMS PRETTY SKILLED!
OH...


NOW THAT YOU'VE MENTIONED IT, HE DOES LOOK FAMILIAR
HMM? REALLY?
You've met him when you come over
BAM
WAAH!
THAT NUMBER 6 HAS ALREADY SCORED THREE 3-POINTERS
What's a 3-pointer?
Right! You're impossible
AH! THAT'S MY BROTHER!
AH...
SCORED AGAIN
OH!
SHOUTS
HOW NOISY AND IRRITATING! DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING
SCREAMS
FU-TA-MI!
ARGGG
DASH
TAKAO!
WHAT HAPPENED!?
SHOUTS
TAKAO COLLIDED WITH AN OPPONENT

SCREAMS
SHOUTS
TAKAO!
GO TO THE FIRST AID ROOM
I DON'T THINK SO YOU CAN BARELY STAND UNAIDED
I'M FINE. I WANT TO RE-TURN TO COURT
ARE YOU OK, TAKAO?
HE MUST'VE DONE IT ON PUR-POSE!
WE WILL DEFINITELY WIN WITH TAKAO'S PLAYING!
EH? HOW HORRIBLE! I'LL NEVER LET HIM OFF!
THE GUY WHO PUSHED YOU IS TOO MUCH!
ARE YOU OK?
TA-KAO!
TAKAO!
WE'RE BOUND TO LOSE WITHOUT TAKAO!


WHAT A PITY...
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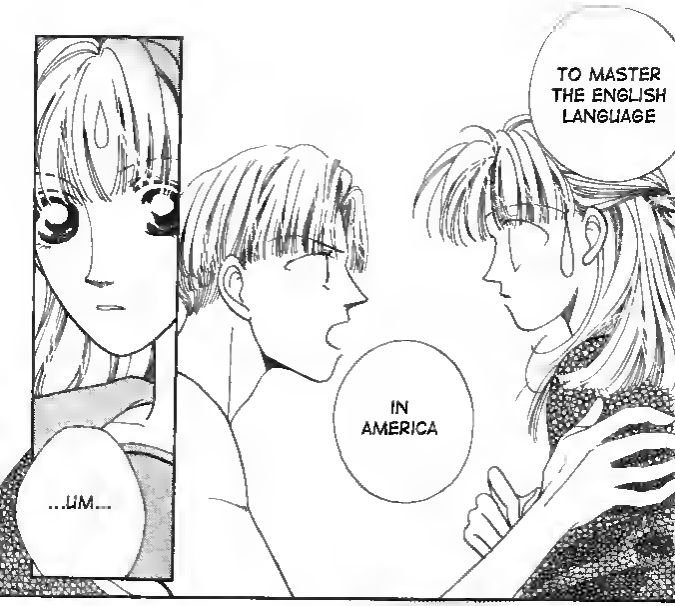
TO THINK,
I CAME HAPPILY AND EXCITED TO WATCH THIS MATCH
NOT HERE TO SEE RESULTS,
BUT JUST TO ENJOY BEING HERE
KA-ME-OKA!

HELP ME TO THE FIRST AID ROOM
PLEASE!
I WANT YOU TO . . . .
PLEASE ——..
...OKAY
PLEASE!
BUT .. I want..
Wait a minute! What are you doing?
This is so scary!
EH!
Who is this girl?
FUTAMI..
blah blah
yak yak
HOBBLE HOBBLE
I'm not trying to do anything
Who is she? With that silly sur-name .....
What? Why did he ask that girl!!?!?!

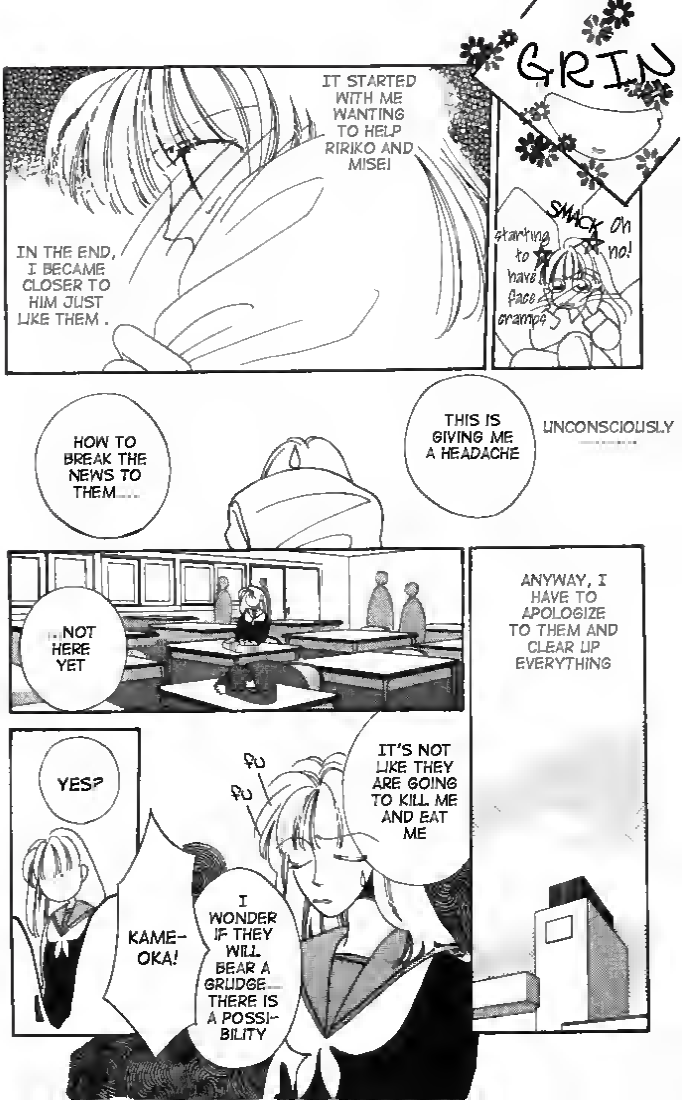
silence
First-aid Room
SEM-PAI...
To think I braved through the vicious crowds of girls to bring you here!
HEY! ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?
WOULD LYING DOWN ON A BED MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER?
I'll go get the doctor...
HEY, IF YOU KEEP YOUR HEAD LOW LIKE THAT, BLOOD WILL POOL IN YOUR BRAIN!
HUH?
You mean my brother?
THERE-FORE...
HE HAS REALLY EARNED HIS PLACE IN THE FIRST TEAM
SEMPAI'S LONG DISTANCE SHOTS ARE AWSOME
I STARTED LIKING HIM SINCE THEN
I still do
DON'T BE FOOLED BY HIS UN-CONCERNED APPEARANCE, HE HAS ACTUALLY PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO HIS SHOOT-ING
HE TOLD ME HE HAS NEITHER THE HEIGHT NOR AGILITY TO GAIN THE UPPER HAND UNDER THE BASKET

YOU ARE VERY SIMILAR TO SEMPAI
I DON'T MEAN THAT NEGATIVELY
YOU TWO REALLY ARE SIBLINGS
Rarely praised, hence the uneasiness
.....
SO...
I HAVE MADE UP MY MIND
I WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL IN AMERICA
I KNOW MY STANDARD IS FAR FROM THE MINIMUM STANDARD THERE
BUT I WANT TO EXPERIENCE PLAYING IN AN ENVIRONMENT WITH STRONGER PLAYERS THAN ME
SO, DO YOU WANT TO COME ALONG WITH ME?
Eh
WHAT?
I AM GOING TO AMERICA TO STUDY!



THE REASON WHY I AGREED ..

OKAY


GRIN
IT STARTED WITH ME WANTING TO HELP RIRIKO AND MISEI
IN THE END, I BECAME CLOSER TO HIM JUST LIKE THEM.
SMACK
Oh no!
starting to have face cramps
THIS IS GIVING ME A HEADACHE
UNCONSCIOUSLY
HOW TO BREAK THE NEWS TO THEM....
...NOT HERE YET
ANYWAY, I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO THEM AND CLEAR UP EVERYTHING
IT'S NOT LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO KILL ME AND EAT ME
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I WONDER IF THEY WILL BEAR A GRUDGE... THERE IS A POSSIBILITY
KAME-OKA!
YES?

CORNERED
CAN YOU SPARE US SOME TIME TO CHAT?
OH, KAME-OKA! I SAW HER LEAVING WITH GIRLS FROM OTHER CLASSES
Whoa~ I finally spoke to him
Her school-bag's still here
MISE!, WHERE'S FUTAMI?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HER IS SHE IN SCHOOL ALREADY?
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"
SHE LEFT THE CLASSROOM WITH GIRLS FROM OTHER CLASSES
Finally spoke to him!
Whoa
HMM?
KAME-OKA?

What kind of joke is this???
IF WE WERE TO OFFER GIFTS TO HIM DIRECTLY, HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT THEM WE HAD TO SEND THEM TO HIM and sneak the lunchboxes into the lockers.
I SEE...
BUT PUTTING ALL THIS ASIDE, DOESN'T HE ALWAYS HAVE AN ICE-COLD ATTITUDE TOWARDS GIRLS?
DURING HIS BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS, WE SPENT 3 MONTHS OF OUR POCKET MONEY TO BUY HIM GIFTS
WE PASSED HIM TOWELS AND MADE LUNCHBOXES FOR HIM DURING TRAINING
WHY DID TAKAO SPECIFICALLY ASK FOR YOU?
WHY ARE YOU ON SUCH GOOD TERM WITH HIM?
SOB-BING
OH? REALLY? I'm sorry to disappoint
WE INTENDED TO FORGIVE YOU IF YOU APOLOGIZE SINCERELY
WHY SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
DON'T PUSH IT TOO FAR!!!
WE HAVE LIKED HIM SINCE WE ENTERED SCHOOL AND YOU JUST SNATCHED HIM AWAY LIKE THAT? IT'S UNFORGIVABLE!!!
EVERY TIME THERE WAS A MATCH, WE WOULD GO AND FAITHFULLY GIVE HIM OUR SUPPORT
WHY ARE YOU GOING TO AMERICA WITH HIM ???
[A girl who was sleeping in the first-aid room heard about it and spread the news!]

GRAB
IF IT WERE SOMEONE SPECIAL AND UNIQUE, WE MIGHT GIVE UP
BUT WHY IS IT SOMEONE LIKE YOU.....?
WERE YOU REFERRING TO PEOPLE LIKE US?
AH...
WELL...?
IF IT WERE THE TWO OF US, WOULD YOU ACKNOWLEDGE AND GIVE UP?
IS THE ONLY ONE WHO ACCEPTS US FOR WHO WE ARE,
IF IT WERE THE TWO OF YOU... WE WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO SAY
FORGET IT; WE DON'T NEED YOUR SUPPORT ANYWAY
DON'T YOU DARE SAY "SOMEONE LIKE HER" AGAIN OR YOU'LL GET IT FROM ME!
FUTAMI...

SILENCE
ANYWAY, WE WOULDN'T WANT TO HAVE A LOVE THAT COULD BE GIVEN UP THE MOMENT SOMEONE SAYS SO
ALL OF THE TIME THAT YOU'VE SPENT TALKING TO TAKAO CAN'T EVEN BE COMPARABLE TO FUTAMI'S CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM
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...AH....
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AH!
YEAH! WHY DIDN'T YOU SHARE THE HAPPY NEWS WITH US?
AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO BE THE FIRST ONES TO KNOW?
Eh
GOING TO AMERICA TO STUDY? WHY HAVEN'T YOU SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT BEFORE?
WHY DO YOU NEED TO APOLOGIZE TO US?
Hau mushy
FU...
I'M SO SORRY!
WANT TO GO AGAINST FUTAMI? NOT IN 800 BILLION YEARS!

...BECAUSE...
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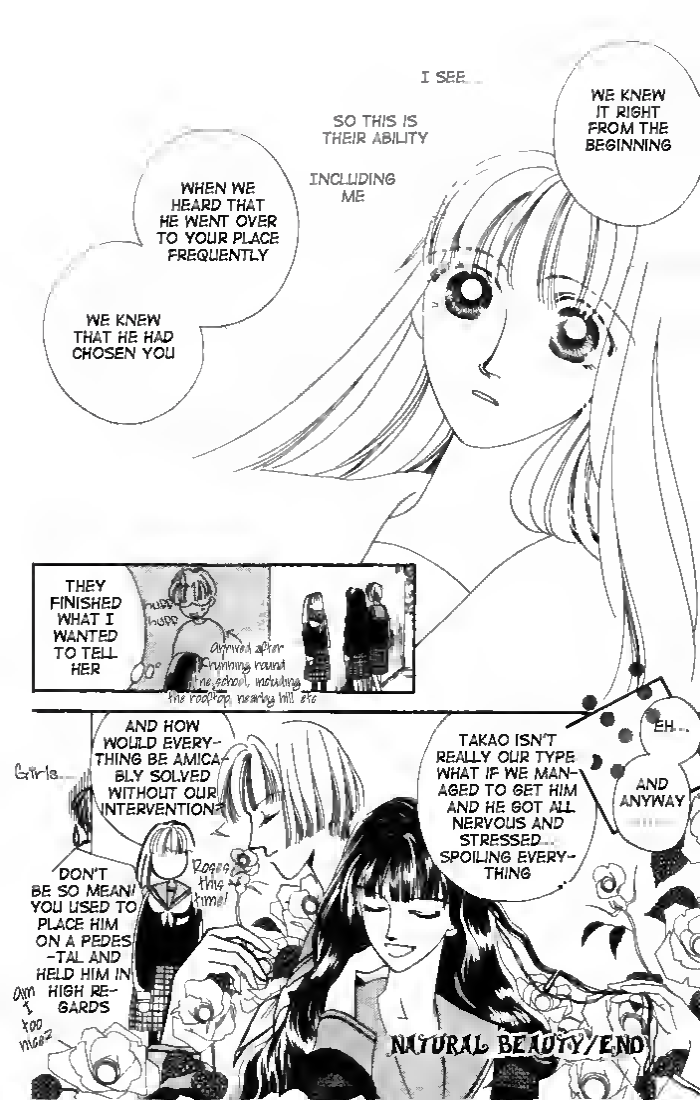
I KNEW YOU TWO WERE INTERESTED IN HIM... ISN'T THAT SNATCHING...
SNAT-CHED? HE WAS NEVER OURS TO BE-GIN WITH!
AND WE SAW IT COM-ING
HUH?
ACTUAL-LY,
IT'S BECAUSE YOU ARE VERY NATURAL
...REMEM-BER WE SAID WE DIDN'T KNOW WHY WE LIKE TO HANG OUT WITH YOU?
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FIXED EXPECTATIONS OR CERTAIN IDEALS OF OTHERS
SO FROM THE BEGINNING, YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY SCHEMING THOUGHTS OR INFERIORITY COMPLEX TO-WARDS US
DON'T YOU KNOW HOW MUCH YOU'VE HELPED US?
PEOPLE WILL SUBMIT TO THOSE WHO RECOG-NIZED THEM FOR WHO THEY ARE
AND WILL OPEN THEIR HEARTS TO THEM
SO,
IT MUST BE THE SAME FOR TAKAO


I SEE...
WE KNEW IT RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING
SO THIS IS THEIR ABILITY
INCLUDING ME
WHEN WE HEARD THAT HE WENT OVER TO YOUR PLACE FREQUENTLY
WE KNEW THAT HE HAD CHOSEN YOU
THEY FINISHED WHAT I WANTED TO TELL HER
Anyway after running round the school, including the rooftop, nearly kill me
EH...
AND ANYWAY
TAKAO ISN'T REALLY OUR TYPE WHAT IF WE MANAGED TO GET HIM AND HE GOT ALL NERVOUS AND STRESSED... SPOILING EVERYTHING
AND HOW WOULD EVERYTHING BE AMICABLY SOLVED WITHOUT OUR INTERVENTION?
Girls...
Zoom
DON'T BE SO MEAN! YOU USED TO PLACE HIM ON A PEDESTAL AND HELD HIM IN HIGH REGARDS
Am I too mean?
NATURAL BEAUTY/END